

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB233

Title: Longevity for county attorneys

Primary

Sponsor: John Bohlinger

Status: As amended in House State
Administration

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	44,038	51,616
Revenue:		
General Fund	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(44,038)	(51,616)

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	x	Significant Local Gov. Impact		x	Technical Concerns
	x	Included in the Executive Budget		x	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The longevity increase is discretionary to local governments.
2. Although discretionary, Department of Justice (DOJ) assumes that 100% of the counties with full time county attorneys will pay the longevity increase.
3. In accordance with statute, DOJ is responsible for paying one-half of each county attorney's salary with the county paying the other half.
4. These figures include an additional 16% for the benefits that are related to the longevity payments.

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5. Twenty eight of the 55 county attorneys are full time attorneys. With the amendment, 20 of these attorneys would receive longevity in FY2000 and 25 attorneys would receive longevity in FY2001.
6. The amount is calculated based on the assumption that no part time county attorneys are entitled to the longevity increase (Section 1, 3 (d) (ii)) of the bill. Also, based on the amendments, prior service as a deputy county attorney is not counted toward the service accrual for longevity time.
7. The longevity pay will be added (on the anniversary date) to the current base salary of the respective county attorney and paid every two weeks thereafter in the normal pay cycle.
8. Any county attorney that terminated prior to 7/1/99 will not receive retroactive pay.
9. Presently, manual tracking of the anniversary dates and longevity increases will be necessary by DOJ payroll staff. It is not clear if the new MTPRRIME payroll system, to be implemented by 4/24/99, can accommodate a tickler system to remind payroll staff of the increase.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Justice	<u>FY2000</u>	<u>FY2001</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Personal Services	44,038	51,616
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	44,038	51,616
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General Fund (01)	0	0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(44,038)	(51,616)

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

Local governments would be responsible for one-half of each longevity increase given to a full-time county attorney. This varies among the counties but the minimum for an attorney with 4 years of experience would be \$500 (1/2 of \$1,000) and the maximum would be \$2,750 (1/2 of \$5,500) for an attorney with eleven years or greater of service. Benefits paid by the county on these benefits would be added to these figures as well.